

Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia.

SHAKE-UP OF THE POLICE

Norfolk Commissioners Not Satisfied With Situation.

THE GAMBLERS VANISHED

The Activity of the Police Court is Now Turned Towards Small Crap Joins and Negro Policy Writers. Probably Case of Suicide.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, Va., February 10.—There was a long and important meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon. No changes in the police force were made, but many were proposed and discussed. The members would not give out any information, but the surprise is that they will allow at least one member of the detective squad to resign. He is the brother of a prominent saloon keeper, who was one of the strongest advocates of this administration when the campaign was in progress. It is reported that he wished his brother to have the place of chief of police, but took the place of captain of detectives instead, when opposition developed to the assignment of the higher place. There are rumors of other changes, too. There are some of the men in the ranks, too, who have incurred the displeasure or provoked the criticisms of the commissioners. They also may be asked to resign as the easiest and most comfortable way out of a predicament. This Board of Commissioners made a number of changes when it assumed the control of the force, and some of them have not been successful. The chief of the administration made. There is a great deal of gossip and no doubt there will be a shake up of the police department.

There was a general attack all along the line in the Police Court this morning against the saloon men and the crap shooters among the negroes. The large gamblers are driven out of the city for a time, or at least they have subsided. It is said that the amount that has been paid in fines for gambling is \$5,000, would be an inconceivable amount to win from the poker players and the roulette and faro dealers here now. One of the detectives who professes to know, says that all of the gamblers in the city now could not take one-fourth of that sum. Hence the crusade now turns to the crap joints, run for the negroes, and to the police writers also run for the paltry sums that the negroes can afford to put up on the slim chances of winning a few dollars at long intervals. In the Police Court this morning heavy fines were imposed on two negroes on the evidence of the rival policy writers, who has declared that if he cannot play the game or the trade, he will not allow any one else more favored or more neglected by the police to play it. Whether there has been discrimination or not, it is certain that this witness appeared as an informer.

FOR ANNEXATION.
Conditions in Norfolk county in relation to Portsmouth are similar to those in Richmond in relation to Henrico. The politicians of Norfolk county are trying to prevent the annexation of parts only adjacent to Portsmouth, but the integral parts of it, except in name. One delegation from Portsmouth has gone to Richmond in the interest of annexation and another delegation will go to-morrow. The Anderson Hill City Attorney, Charles G. Hume, accompanied by Joseph H. Saunders and J. Davis Reed, representing the Business Men's Association of Portsmouth, left this afternoon. The Anderson Hill City Attorney, Charles G. Hume, accompanied by Joseph H. Saunders and J. Davis Reed, representing the Business Men's Association of Portsmouth, left this afternoon. The Anderson Hill City Attorney, Charles G. Hume, accompanied by Joseph H. Saunders and J. Davis Reed, representing the Business Men's Association of Portsmouth, left this afternoon.

Mrs. Addie Biggs, residing in Church Street, who has been frequently annoyed by rats of the large size, concluded that a noise, which she heard in her kitchen about 1:30 o'clock this morning, was made by a rat. She went to her bed quietly, to see if her room door was tight. The door was open and pushing it lightly, Mrs. Biggs went back to bed. A little later she heard the door open, getting up a second time to see what the noise was. She found a large man in the hall-way. She went to her room and Mrs. Biggs could not see his color. She screamed murder, and the burglar becoming frightened jumped out of the room window through which he had entered by means of an improvised ladder, put together from sticks and ropes so that no noise would have to be made by falling. A clothes line from a neighboring yard was stolen for the purpose of making the ladder.

SUPPOSED TO BE A SUICIDE.
Giacomo Gatto's body was found under the Brambleton Bridge, near the water of Backhouse Lake, at noon today. The man had apparently committed suicide. A pistol was found lying by his hand, and there was a large wound on the bullet from it in the right temple. He was a shoemaker and came here from the northern part of Italy about two years ago. He was unmarried, and was a native here except a brother, also shoemaker and a shoemaker in Portsmouth. The body was taken by the coroner, who held an inquest to determine the cause of death.

An arrest, which promises a sensational investigation by the police commissioners, occurred at Main and Atlantic Streets this afternoon, when the police officer stationed at the corner carried to police headquarters the charge of "vice" against a woman giving the name of Mary Powell, originally from Bertie Street. The woman, it is said, made some sensational charges against the officer while being examined at the rail at the station-house, which will demand investigation and possibly a dismissal, if true.

FARLEY WOUNDED.
Frank J. Farley, the sporting man, was shot three times by his brother-in-law, Joe Brown, at their home on South Street, Portsmouth, this morning. The shooting grew out of domestic affairs. Mr. Brown fired four shots, of which two took effect, one in Mr. Farley's head, making a bad scalp wound. The second ball struck in his right cheek and the third in Farley's wrist. The wounds are not regarded as dangerous.

ROANOKE'S CITY COUNCIL.
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THREE OCTOGENARIANS DIE IN ROCKBRIDGE

Arrangements for Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Newport News.

THE VIRGINIA GLEE CLUB, OF RICHMOND, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLEASURE AND SUCCESS OF THE OCCASION—SEVERAL NOTABLE SPEAKERS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LIXINGTON, Va., Feb. 10.—Three deaths of octogenarians are reported within a past few days in Rockbridge. Mr. William T. Aschcraft, aged seventy-two years, died at his home near Plummen, Rockbridge county, Saturday night, and his remains were buried to-day at Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Rev. Henry Miller officiating. Mr. McCurdy retired Saturday night. His usual health and was found dead Sunday morning. Fifteen years ago he was terribly wounded by a mower, which resulted in the loss of all the fingers of one hand and several on the other. During the war he was a member of Liberty Hall Volunteers, Company I, Fourth Virginia Infantry, and served with bravery till the close of the war. His wife, who was a Miss Jamison, and three children survive—Messrs. J. F. McCurdy, of Marshall, Mo.; J. W. McCurdy, of San Francisco, Cal.; and Mrs. James Hahn, of Roanoke, Va. One half-brother also survives—Mr. A. A. McCurdy, of Rockbridge Baths. Several years ago Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. McCurdy was for many years a member of Bethesda Presbyterian Church. Mr. James D. Arthur is dead at his home on South Buffalo, Rockbridge county, past eighty years of age. Some years ago, without relatives, he wished the understanding that he was to be taken care of by the state, and this agreement was faithfully carried out. Mr. Lindsey Dudley died Sunday at his home, near Rockbridge Baths. His death was due to old age. He leaves one son, Mr. Mohler Dudley, who lived with his father.

HEPTASOPHS IN SESSION

Grand Lodge at Suffolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., February 10.—The seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Heptasophs, or Seven Wise Men, was convened here to-day. Three sessions were held. The attendance was the largest for several years. The following officers were elected: R. S. Boykin, Suffolk, archon; Dr. W. T. Jordan, Driver, and A. C. McCall, Norfolk, provost; J. S. Williams, Hodges Ferry, prelate; C. E. Outten, Portsmouth, treasurer; C. F. McCoy, Norfolk, general; H. C. Bailey, Suffolk, inspector; T. M. Jones, Berkeley, herald; Dr. W. T. Jordan, Driver, and W. J. Woodward, Norfolk, representatives to Supreme Conclave, which will meet the first Tuesday in June at Wilmington, Del.; A. C. McCall, Norfolk; J. A. Williams, Hodges Ferry, and J. L. Bunting, Norfolk county, trustees.

LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Election of Officers Followed by Banquet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 10.—The Lexington Fire Department held their annual meeting last night and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: H. C. Bowyer, chief, and J. L. Henderson, assistant chief. Following the meeting a delightful banquet was served at W. B. Granger's restaurant, sixty-five covers being laid. In addition to the firemen, members of the Town Council and other friends were invited. Mr. V. B. McClellan acted as master of ceremonies. The Lexington Fire Department is a voluntary organization, and is one of the most efficient in the State. They have carried out nearly every convention in competitive races.

REQUISITION FOR WALK

Tennessee Officials Want Custody of Virginia Officer in Bristol.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, Va., February 10.—Officer Walk of Bristol, Va., who was wanted for the murder of Policeman Childress of Bristol, Tenn., on Sunday, and who surrendered to the Virginia authorities last night, did not consent to go to-day to stand trial, as was expected. The fact that he remained away and was a public man, occasioned excitement and unrest, and caused adverse criticism of the Virginia officers, who had him in charge. A fugitive notice was issued on Walk, and Chief of Police Kilgore says that he will be responsible for the Tennessee authorities who had been led to believe Walk would be turned over to them to-day, this afternoon mailed an application for requisition papers.

BURNED TO DEATH

Three-Year-Old Child Left Alone at Home by Her Parents.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SALEM, Va., February 10.—Mabel Criner, the three-year-old daughter of Thos. Criner, was burned to death to-day at her father's home, at Glenvar, this county. The little girl was left alone in the house while her mother went to a neighbor's. Some men who were working near by saw a blaze in the house, hastening to investigate, they found the child wrapped in flames and her body frightfully charred. Her clothing is supposed to have caught from an open stove in the room.

From Cartersville.

CARTERSVILLE, Va., February 10.—

The two negroes who attacked mail-carrier Amos between Cumberland Court-house and Cartersville were arrested last night and are now in jail.

Mr. C. R. Sanderson, of Ashby, Va., lost by fire last night a barn containing about three hundred dollars' worth of hams and hay. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is about five hundred dollars.

Roanoke's City Council.

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BURGLARS IN SUFFOLK

Four Places Broken Into and Valuables Stolen.

FOUND BY THE WATCHMAN

One Burglar Was Seen at Work on a Safe and Was Shot at Five Times, But He Managed to Make Good His Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, Va., February 10.—The arrival of crime and the raid of the burglars resulted in the breaking in of four places. They seemed to have had a meeting and planned to raid all the larger places in East Suffolk just beyond the corporate limits. The victims were located at four places. The biggest losers were the Cobb Brothers, owners of the Suffolk Knitting Mills. The burglars broke into a rear window and made their way to the safe. That was opened by the use of a combination. The small inside locks were minor considerations. The criminals found in the drawers a \$20 diamond ring, a \$10 watch and chain and twelve cents in cash. These were all the things they could realize upon. Aside from these they took about \$100 of bank stock and \$15,000 worth of notes and bonds. Barton & Jeffery's safe was torn to pieces. When seen this afternoon the firm was not sure whether it was done by sledge hammers or nitro-glycerine. The amount lost was \$15 in cash. The papers were found along the railroad tracks.

The Union Iron Works safe was touched. George Wells, the night watchman, heard a noise inside and found the man who was battering in the safe door. He was a lone burglar. Wells shot at the man five times, but he kept on and made good an escape. Wells says he would have entered the safe in five more minutes. The storage warehouse of W. S. Cross & Company was broken into. They found no safe and left without disturbing the contents. To-night's session of the Grand Lodge of Heptasophs in Suffolk they decided to meet next February in Norfolk. In compliance with a suggestion from Supreme Secretary George W. Wright it was agreed that a called meeting be held between the June session in Wilmington, Del., and the next annual convention for the purpose of codifying laws.

WILL BE OPPOSED

Hampton Methodist Church Unwilling to Give Up Rev. S. J. Peters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., February 10.—Rev. Sydney J. Peters, of Hampton, tonight said to The Times-Dispatch correspondent: "You may say that I shall leave the matter of the acceptance of the position of superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia to the members of my congregation and the official board of the church." The church will probably take some action in the next few days, and it is believed that Mr. Peters' acceptance of the office will be opposed.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Park Agnew Retires from Directorate of Mount Vernon Line.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 10.—The stockholders of the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway Company held their annual meeting here to-day and re-elected all the old officers with the exception of Park Agnew, who resigned, as directed, in favor of P. K. Hipsley. It was shown that the business done in the past year was the largest since the road started. The gross receipts were \$217,035.75; operating expenses, \$140,230.63; receipts from passengers, \$77,420.12, leaving a surplus of \$146,825.24. A dividend of two per cent. was paid stockholders on capital stock.

KILLED BIG BEAR IN ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY

LEXINGTON, Va., Feb. 10.—

Report has reached here that Mr. C. C. Norcross, who lives on James River, Rockbridge county, killed a bear near his home which weighed over 300 pounds. Another bear was also killed in that neighborhood.

Monday, Mr. J. H. Leach, of Lexington, joined Dr. H. R. Laird, of James River, for a bear hunt in that neighborhood.

HAS DISAPPEARED

Many Animals Have Been Bitten by a Mad Dog in King George.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
COMON, KING GEORGE COUNTY, Va., Feb. 10.—John Bumby mysteriously disappeared from his home, at Chatterton, in this county, several days ago, and his whereabouts cannot even be conjectured. His wife and children are greatly disturbed because of his unaccountable disappearance.

Bumby resided on the banks of the Potomac River, and his relations fear that he has been drowned, though there is no evidence to support this theory. Some of the many animals bitten by a wild dog here two weeks ago are rapidly exhibiting symptoms of hydrophobia and there is no little excitement on account of it.

FROM TAPPANNOCK.

TAPPANNOCK, Va., February 10.—

Owing to the pretty spell of weather of the last few days, large quantities of English peas are being planted.

A very wet winter has given us the worst roads in years. The people hereabouts are talking the good roads movement a good deal. Some of the farmers say they are willing to pay money out of their pockets in order to have better roads.

The People's Steamboat Company is about to have a mail route established on the steamer Tourist from Fredericksburg to Urbana.

PASTOR HAS RESIGNED

Rev. J. T. Chestnutt, of Christian Church at Fredericksburg

FIRST POTOMAC HERRING

Fish Will Soon Be Plentiful at the Marlborough and Widewater Fishing Shores on the Potomac—King George Timber Lands.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Feb. 10.—Rev. J. T. Chestnutt, who for several years has been the pastor of the Christian Church in this city, has tendered his resignation, to take effect May 1st. The resignation came as a surprise, as Mr. Chestnutt has done a fine work here in his denomination and is popular not only with his congregation, but in the community.

Herrings are beginning to run in the Potomac River, and the first specimen of the season brought here this week was exhibited at the store of Captain A. B. Rowe, as an object of curiosity. This class of fish will be plentiful in a few weeks. At some of the hauls made with the big seines at the Marlborough and Widewater fishing shores more than 10,000 specimens are sometimes caught at one time.

Mr. J. B. Mattingly, of Laplata, Maryland, has purchased several tracts of heavy timber on the Potomac River, in King George county, and will put in several saw mills for cutting up the same for use by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. J. Henry Myer, a deserving farmer of Caroline county, lost his right hand by having it cut off while feeding a corn shredder on the farm of Mr. J. L. Jordan, in that county.

NEW PENSION BOARD.

Circuit Judge J. B. Mason has appointed Messrs. Henry V. Turner, Wm. F. Grigsby and P. C. Fitzhugh as members of the new Pension Board for King George county for 1903.

ELKS' BAZAAR

Charlottesville Elks Desire to Build an Elks' Home.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., February 10.—The Elks bazaar and festival was formally opened at 8 o'clock this evening at Governor A. J. Montague, the telegram from the Governor better read by Mr. Ben W. Leterman, chairman of the general committee of arrangements. The Monticello Guard Armory, where the bazaar is being held, was crowded to its utmost capacity, and a thousand people were present. The Elks were out in a body and in full dress.

The armory is handsomely decorated throughout with potted plants and flags. The twenty-old booths are artistically arranged along the sides and through the center of the building. In the south end is erected a large stage for the musicians, the music being furnished alternately by the Citizens' Band and the University of Virginia Glee and Mandolin Club.

The continued rain has been known as a calamity, when the various fraternal organizations of the city will be cordially welcomed by Judge R. T. W. Duke, a prominent Mason and a charter member of the Elks.

The festival and bazaar for the purpose of raising funds for the proposed Elks' Home, to be erected in the near future on High Street, near the courthouse, at a cost of over \$10,000.

HAS SUED OFFICER

Charges That He Was Improperly Treated at Hamlet, N. C.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BOYDTON, Va., February 10.—Mr. John Grimes, a member of the Grand Jury before last at Lawrenceville for shooting, Mr. Mitchell sometime last summer, was here last week. He feels greatly aggrieved at the manner of his arrest by Officer Peck at Hamlet, N. C., when that officer shot him twice very badly. Mr. Grimes has already instituted proceedings in the courts of North Carolina, and Officer Peck for his arrest. He claims that the officer had no authority for his action.

The Rev. Frank Stringfellow, rector of the Episcopal Church here, left yesterday for Petersburg, where he will hold a mission in one of the Episcopal churches of that city during this and a part of next week.

The United States has very much retarded farming operations in Mecklenburg, and but little has been done towards preparing the lands for the spring crops. The roads have been almost impassable. The weather is very stormy and high.

CAPT. BUNTING RECOVERING

Five-Masted Schooner Collides With a Lightship in a Fog.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHINCOTEAGUE, Va., February 10.—Captain Wm. C. Bunting, who was very badly cut during a recent altercation, is rapidly convalescing.

Rev. Mr. Sanderlin, of Philadelphia, is conducting an interesting series of revivals here at the Beulah Baptist Church.

A light ship during the day a few days ago on Winter Quarter about, causing much damage to both vessels. A very handsome building has recently been constructed between the Chincoteague National Bank and Rawley and Selby's store.

LOCAL OPTION

Petitions Circulated in Westmoreland and Richmond Counties.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
HEATHSVILLE, Va., Feb. 10.—A mass-meeting was recently held at Oak Grove, Westmoreland county, and resolutions were adopted requesting Judge Beale to order a local option election for the Oak Grove District during April. Colonial Beach, the old and famous summer resort, is situated in this district, and it is said that the owners of this place will put up a stiff fight.

A petition is being circulated in Newland District, Richmond county, in behalf of a local option election to be held during the spring.

A postoffice has been established in Washington District, Richmond county, known as Tidewater, with R. S. Davis postmaster.

A new telephone line will be extended from Vinton to Harcum's Wharf, Northumberland county. This will be a great convenience to the people of this neighborhood, as heretofore their nearest phone office was many miles distant.

The farmers have secured their seed, English peas and fertilizer, and are now awaiting favorable weather for planting.

RIGHT ARM AMPUTATED

Superintendent of a Factory Has a Serious Accident.

MRS. JOYNER'S CONDITION

She Still Hopes for the Return of Her Child—Improvements and Repairs at the Market Street Methodist Church Nearly Completed.

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SEEKS RANCH LIFE

B. D. Goff, the Football Player Has Left the University.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Va., February 10.—Mr. Benjamin D. Goff, a third-year student of the academic department, withdrew from the University this morning and left to-night for Arapahoe, in northern Texas, to spend a couple of years in the enjoyment of ranch life. At the end of that period he purposes returning to college to take the law.

Mr. Goff's home is in Winchester, Ky. His father, Mr. S. D. Goff, being a very wealthy Blue Grass farmer. The son himself has recently come into an inheritance of \$50,000. Mr. Goff was prominent in college life and his departure is very much regretted. He was substitute center on the "Varsity" football team, and played in most of the games after the injury to Captain Dorsey Waters.

Mr. Goff is the second member of the football eleven to leave the University this season for life on the ranch, the first being Mr. Carroll C. St. John, of New York, who left late in October for Birney, Montana. St. John's position was left open. His successor was Mr. Edward J. Lynchburg, son of United States Senator John W. Daniel.

TWO WERE KILLED

Fatal Shooting Affray in Pocahontas County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., February 10.—Intelligence reached here to-day by private mail of a fight between two officers and a man whom they attempted to arrest at a town called Dan, some five miles from Marlinton, W. Va. Result: Two dead and one wounded.

John May and Granville Messer left Marlinton Sunday to arrest W. J. Colley, who was charged with a minor offense. Messer ordered Colley to surrender, whereupon the latter drew his pistol and a duel ensued. Messer emptied one pistol, but continued firing with a second, shooting in all ten bullets into Colley, receiving in his own body five from Colley's weapon. At this point Colley said he would surrender and Messer walked off of the house and sat down on the wood pile and soon died. Colley fell backward on his bed and expired in a few minutes. May received a wound in the shoulder, inflicted by a woman at Colley's. He handed the woman and a woman named Colley over to a coroner's jury went down from Marlinton. Both Colley and Messer were from Kentucky. The latter was related to the Hatfields.

THE ANTI-SALOON MOVEMENT.

GUN FIGHT AT HILL, Va., February 10.—

The people of this vicinity are becoming very much interested in the anti-saloon movement. There has been a special election ordered by the local judge to be held on the 15th instant to vote on the question in the Jarvis District. The anti-saloon people seem at this time to have everything their own way, and expect on that day to draw away from the granting of liquor license in Darville.

The recent rains have put our country roads in such condition as to make it almost impossible to pass over them. The farmers in this locality are very backward with their work. The continued wet weather has made it almost impossible to do anything at all.

Mr. Edward Tucker and Mr. J. W. Childs of Guilford county, who are now in the State for Montana to engage in business. The best wishes of their many friends accompany them.

Mrs. George D. Baaskerville, who has been ill at her home near Gun's Hill for the past few months, expects to leave this week for the Old Dominion Hospital, Richmond, Va.

Considered an Outlaw.

STATION, Va., February 10.—

Chief of Police Simpson has received a letter from James Lambert, brother-in-law of William Massey, who shot his way out of jail, waiting the action of the grand jury. Lambert says that Massey is considered an outlaw in Wythe county, where he lived many years, and that he is now in the hands of the law. Lambert says that he and his wife will come to Staunton in a few days to get the children. Lambert says that he and his wife will come to Staunton in a few days to get the children. Lambert says that he and his wife will come to Staunton in a few days to get the children.

Lambert is not a married man, and he does not want him to have his children, but wants them to go to his wife's mother.

From Columbia.

COLUMBIA, Va., Feb. 10.—

Dr. J. W. Richardson, of Columbia, is critically ill at his home, with little hope of recovery. His health has gradually been failing for some time. He has been unconscious since Sunday, and his death is expected at any time.

James Barrot, a respected old negro preacher of Columbia, died on Sunday night in the seventy-ninth year of his age.

In Spotsylvania.

SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., February 10.—

Eight negroes plied in the county here to having sold liquor without license in the western part of the county and were fined \$50 each and costs.

The annual conference of the Synod of the Shenandoah District, held the first quarterly conference for the year here at the residence of Mr. W. H. Whitley, made a fine impression.

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